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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Dear CEC staff and commissioners,

Thank you for giving the opportunity to provide feedback with respect to the draft guidelines for implementing AB 841 – the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus (SEES) Program, including both the School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair (SRVEVR) Program and the School Noncompliance Plumbing Fixture and Appliance (SNPFA) Program.

RHA has compiled the following questions regarding SRVEVR program after reviewing the legislation, initial guidelines, and attending the workshop.

1. Will the program require all scope listed in the program guidelines (HVAC assessment, general maintenance, adjustment of ventilation rates, filter replacement and carbon dioxide monitoring) to be done within SRVEVR in order to be awarded funds or reimbursed for work completed? Can an LEA get reimbursed or awarded for completing some of the tasks listed above or is it all or nothing?
2. When does the timeline of 18 months to complete all work start? Does time start when the projects are approved or when the LEA receives the funds?
3. Can the LEA use in housework, qualified and trained as mentioned in the bill, to perform the work? Also, can the LEA apply for work being performed after August 1st, 2020 by in house team for reimbursement?
4. After attending the webinar, is it our understanding that the intention that no funding is being provided to third parties to help LEAs manage the program, to handle all the grant work, project scoping, procurement, and project management. Is it possible for the grants to include costs of third-party management? Perhaps this could be done like the Prop 39 planning funds to help make the program easier for LEAs to implement and relieve any financial burden they may have due to current economic recession and COVID adaption efforts in participating in this program.
5. Will contractor estimates be required for project cost in the application process or can they be done in-house?
6. For DCV (Demand Control Ventilation) in HVAC units, it is defined in the program guidelines (chapter 2: Project Requirements, section A: HVAC assessment and maintenance requirements, part 3: demand control ventilation) to be adjusted at 800 ppm or less, this would require some sort work with control sequences in the units and also tied back to central EMS (Energy management System) to monitor those levels. Can programming and EMS work be included in the initial grants period?



Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input and your consideration on the above questions.

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